

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD on Tuesday 22 January 2019

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Committee members:

Councillor Brown (Chair)

Councillor Turner

Councillor Chapman

Councillor Clarkson

Councillor Hayes

Councillor Upton

127. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019.20

The Head of Financial Services had submitted a report to consider feedback from the recent consultation on proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme and to agree the principles of the new scheme to be drawn up for approval by Council on 28 January 2019.

The Benefits Manager introduced the report which noted the changes to the scheme as a result of the latest annual consultation. The consultation proposed just two changes to the scheme: uprating of the income banding (which determines the percentage discount received) and removal of the minimum floor for self-employed claimants.

The Chair noted how important the scheme was to protect the interests of poorer families and was pleased to see how the removal of the minimum income floor would ameliorate a negative impact on some residents which hadn't, originally, been understood.

The Board Member for Finance and Asset Management noted that the number of authorities operating a council tax reduction scheme was dwindling but was pleased that Council was still committed to doing so.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

1. **Note** the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme;
2. **Delegate** authority to the Head of Financial Services to draft the details of the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20 so that it can be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on the 28 January 2019; and
3. **Recommend** Council to resolve to adopt the new Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20.

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